

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 2 (now cancelled), claim 9 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 10 (now cancelled), and claim 11 is amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 12 (now cancelled). Claims 3 and 13 are amended for consistency with the amended base claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The rejection of claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US patent application no. 2004/0143801 to Waters et al. ("Waters") is respectfully traversed because the Office Action fails to show that all the limitations of the claims are taught by Waters as set forth in the previous response. The rejection is now moot, however, in view of the amendments to the claims. Thus, the rejection of claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 should be withdrawn.

The 1449 for the material cited with the filing of the application has not yet been returned initialed as reviewed by the examiner. Applicants hereby resubmit the cited reference and a new 1994 citing an additional nine (9) references.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks presented above. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

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